

**COLORADO RIVER RECOVERY PROGRAM  
FY 2001 ANNUAL REPORT**

**Project No.: PIP-12D (CAP 25)**

I. Project Title: Public Involvement for Coordinated Facilities Operations Study

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III. Project Summary:

The purpose of this project is to provide information and education to help the public understand the technical and legal complexities involved in the Coordinated Facilities Operations Study. The Coordinated Facilities Operations Study is one of several Recovery Program projects to provide water to the 15-Mile Reach of the Colorado River. The study is investigating several alternatives for providing an additional 20,000 acre-feet of water to supplement spring peak flows in the 15-Mile Reach during certain years through increased coordination of water facility operations. Water users, environmental groups, and the general public may be affected by implementation of some or all of the alternatives currently being investigated.

IV. Study Schedule:  
Commenced in FY 99. Most major PIP and I&E tasks were completed in FY 99. Providing public information about the progress of the CFOPS study will continue through the completion of the study during FY 2002. If the Recovery Program implements any of the suggested alternatives from the study, public information about the implemented operations will be provided annually in conjunction with public meetings regarding the operations of each participating facility.

V. Relationship to RIPRAP:  
VI.C. Plan and implement information and education and public involvement activities for all significant Recovery Program actions.

VI. Accomplishment of FY 2001 Tasks and Deliverables, Discussion of Initial Findings and Shortcomings:

The following tasks were completed in FY 2001:

3 Meetings with Executive Committee

Technical Memoranda describing methods and results of modeling for various alternatives were provided to the Executive Committee.

Updates on the progress of the Coordinated Facilities Study provided by the Executive Committee to Recovery Program participants and other interested parties. The February 2001 update is included in the Appendix (See CAP 25).

Each facility being considered in the study will provide information about the study and its possible effects during the public meetings regarding that facility's operations.

VII. Recommendations:

No specific recommendations at this time.

VIII. Project Status:

Project is ongoing and somewhat on hold pending results of the Coordinated Facilities Operations Study (CFOPS). CFOPS was not completed during FY 2001 as originally expected, but will be completed during FY 2002. Results of CFOPS will be disseminated to the public by all participating agencies.

IX. FY 2001 Budget Status:

- A. Funds Provided: \$3800 in-kind services provided by Colorado
- B. Funds Expended: \$ 500 in-kind services provided by Colorado
- C. Difference: \$3300  
due to low public participation and delays in CFOPS study
- D. % of FY 2001 work completed, projected costs to complete:  
Not Applicable
- E. Recovery Program funds spent for publication charges: \$0

X. Status of Data Submission: Not Applicable

XI. Signed: Randy Seaholm Date: January 17, 2002